

100 FELL INTO THE WATER.

COLLAPSE OF A FOOT BRIDGE OVER NEWTOWN CREEK.

A Great Crowd Had Gathered on One Half of the Structure Waiting for the Draw to Close that They Might Cross—Only a Few Persons Reported to Have Been Saved.

A part of a temporary foot bridge over Newtown Creek at Meeker Avenue, Williamsburg, collapsed about 6 o'clock last evening while a crowd of about a hundred men were waiting to cross it. The bridge was a simple wooden structure, and nearly all fell into the creek. Although people from shore who went to the rescue say that all were saved, it was said late last night that there was a possibility of several having been drowned.

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Just as the tug passed through the open draw, the great weight of the people on the bridge drew the draw down, and all went down with it. There was about nine feet of water in the channel, and an account of the high wind the tide was running rapidly out.

When the section went down the people on the bridge and all was confusion. The crowd on the Kings county side, many of whom came to the surface. At the same time a white yawl from a schooner on the Kings county side in charge of the mate hurried to the assistance of the drowning people.

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Small boats from vessels lying in the creek were used to rescue those who were in the water. The tugboat Cloud, belonging to Janssen Brothers was going slowly through the Kings county draw. The people who were waiting to cross from the Queens county side were packed together and were waiting for the draw to open.

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HORNBLOWER'S NEW ALLIES.

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE URGING HIS CONFIRMATION.

They Argue that It Would Be a Very Good Thing for the Republican Party in New York State—The Postmaster-General's Vote Last Monday Proved by What the Opposition Senators Say was a Whobby Trick—President Cleveland's Eulogy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Hill's friends in the Senate are endeavoring to prove that he has been unfairly treated by the Administration. They have taken advantage of his confidence in the integrity of his colleagues to steer him into a serious mistake in the Hornblower case.

When this nomination came up for consideration in the executive session of the Senate yesterday, Senator Hill, representing the President, asked that it be put over until Monday, saying that he had received a telegram from Senator Lindsay of Kentucky, who wished to be heard on the case.

In view of this statement, Senator Lindsay demanded that Chairman Fugh of the Judiciary Committee should not refer the case to the Senate until Monday.

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AN ODD DISPLAY CAUSED BY A BLAST.

Tongues of Flame from a Broken Gas Main Shot Up Through the Pavement.

Workmen are laying a line of pipes in First Avenue in the vicinity of Ninetieth street. Yesterday morning they struck a layer of rock between Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth streets that had to be blasted. A blast was discharged at 11 o'clock that broke a gas main and ignited the escaping gas. A column of flame shot out of the cut with a roar and a flash that brought hundreds of spectators to the scene.

The workmen fell to shovelling sand into the excavation to smother the fire. They succeeded in reducing the size of the big column of flame, but the escaping gas forced its way to the surface, and worked its way between the paving stones until hundreds of jets of fire, varying in height from six inches to two feet, dotted the roadway.

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NO CROSS-TOWN ELEVATED.

A BLACK BYR FOR THE EAST RIVER BRIDGE COMPANY'S PROJECT.

The General Term of the Supreme Court has refused to confirm the report of the Commissioners appointed to take testimony as to the right of the East River Bridge Company to construct an elevated railroad in connection with its proposed two bridges across the East River.

The company was organized with a capital of \$25,000,000, which was afterward reduced to \$2,000,000. Frederick Chimman is now President. The company intended to construct a cross-town elevated railroad in connection with its bridges, the New York terminal at which were to be at Livingston street and at Jackson and Duane streets.

The cross-town road was to go across blocks to the Bowery, to Spring street, and along Spring to West street. The consent of the local authorities was obtained, but the property owners declined to give their consent. Commissioners were then appointed for the case, and the Supreme Court appointed a referee to take testimony.

The referee was Judge Feltner. He reported in favor of the company. The court, however, refused to confirm his report. The court's decision was based on the fact that the company had not shown that it was able to construct the railroad without the aid of the city.

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THE WEATHER PREDICTION. For New York and its vicinity: Fair; rising temperature; northwest winds, diminishing in force.